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THE LARVA OF *EILEMA PYGMAEOLA PYGMAEOLA* (THE PIGMY FOOTMAN). — During a field meeting of the Canterbury branch of the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation at Sandwich Bay on the 11th June 1978, I found by a footpath on the Royal St. George's Golf Course, a large concrete bollard which I turned over in the hope of finding some beetles. On the side of this lichen-encrusted piece of concrete I found two Arctiid larvae. One of these furry brown caterpillars was evidently parasitised and unfortunately both host and parasite died. However, the other larva soon spun a cocoon from which there emerged a perfect specimen of *Eilema pygmaeola pygmaeola* Doubleday. This specimen was shown at the Annual Exhibition of the British Entomological and Natural History Society, where Mr. Chalmers-Hunt informed me that little or nothing appears to be known of the immature stages of this insect, at least in this country. Being unaware of the significance of my capture at the time, I made no description of the full grown larva and its cocoon. However, as it seems likely that the two larvae were feeding on the lichen on the concrete bollard it should be possible to find more in 1979.— L. D. M. PACKER, 1 Mary Green Walk, Canterbury, Kent.

[This is the first time to my knowledge that the larva of this species has been found in Britain, despite the fact that the moth has been known as an inhabitant of this country for more than 130 years, and is not uncommon where it occurs.— J.M.C.H.]

THE PAINTED LADY IN DECEMBER 1978.— I was interested to see a *Cynthia cardui* L. here in our garden on 4th December, a beautiful calm sunny day after a cold spell. It settled on Chrysanthemum and Senecio.— T. G. HOWARTH, Highview, 4 Clinton Road, Beer, Seaton, Devon.

EPIPHYAS POSTVITTANA WALKER IN HAMPSHIRE. — I recorded the second and third appearance of this species in Hampshire last year (in *Ent. Rec.*, 90: 82). This year's records strengthen the likelihood that it is now breeding in the Winchester area of Hampshire. I took two specimens in my Winchester (V.c.11) m.v.t rap on nights 25th/26th October and 1st/2nd November 1978. In addition Rev. S. C. Pittis brought me a further specimen that had come to a 15 watt actinic trap in his garden on nights 27th/28th October. This also in V.c.11 about a mile away from mine towards the centre of Winchester (V.c.11) m.v. trap on nights 25th/26th October and Lane, Winchester, Hants., SO22 5LF.